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REMARKS

Prior to examination, please amend the specification and claims as indicated.

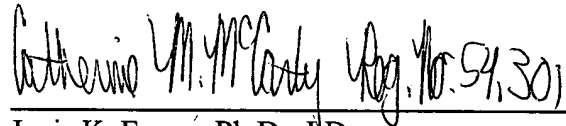
Applicants amended the specification to provide the priority claim. Applicants amended claims 1, 3, 6, and 13-17, cancelled claims 5 and 7-12, and added new claims 18-21. Claims 1-4, 6, and 13-21 are presented for examination.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Applicants submit herewith a check for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 06275-430US1.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 18, 2005

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Catherine M. McCarley" followed by "Reg. No. 34,819". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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